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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KARAMI'S RESIGNATION

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KUWAIT PASS BAGHDAD

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPT SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING. NO QUESTIONS AROSE, HOWEVER, AND GUIDANCE WAS NOT USED. IT IS BEING USED WITH INDIVIDUAL JOURNALISTS WHEN THEY ASK ABOUT SITUATION. POSTS MAY ALSO USE GUIDANCE APPROPRIATELY.

2. QUOTE:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON LEBANESE PREMIER KARAME'S RESIGNATION?

ANSWER: THOUGH MR. KARAME HAS OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION, WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAS ASKED HIM TO REMAIN IN OFFICE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PREMIER KARAME'S EFFORTS TO END THE FIGHTING AND FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN LEBANON. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE END OF THE FIGHTING DEMANDS THAT ALL CONCERNED SHOW THE MODERATION AND SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE ESSENTIAL TO THE

BEGINNING OF POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION. THE SECRETARY SET OUT UNITED STATES GOALS IN HIS LETTER TO PREMIER KARAME LAST NOVEMBER. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO A SOLUTION WHICH PRESERVES THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON, ITS NATIONAL UNITY AND COHESION. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PARTITION OF LEBANON. WE ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE FROM ANY QUARTER. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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